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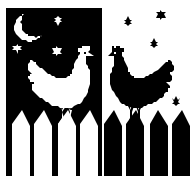
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was seasonally light and selective with only much needed purchasing done and interest geared towards holiday items. Food service was fair, moderate for fast food. Supplies were at least adequate for light needs. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants reducing schedules to accommodate limited needs and in observance of upcoming Good Friday. In the parts structure, wings and leg items were balanced to close and moving, breast items were mostly sufficient, discounted when difficult to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/09/01-04/14/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Includes branded product)					
Bos/New Eng	50.50-52.00	51.53	16	54.43	27
Chicago	50.00-54.00	52.84	44	54.90	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	57.54	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.60	10
Denver	66.50	66.41	17	65.21	21
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.53	19	56.36	43
Los Angeles	67.00	64.84	75	64.34	138
New York	49.00-51.00	50.00	26	53.58	46
Philadelphia	47.00-49.00	48.22	9	50.93	20
Pittsburgh	48.00-50.00	49.33	9	57.09	53
St. Louis	52.25-52.50	51.91	20	53.78	38
San Francisco	67.50	66.19	34	69.06	55

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/09/01	Change/Last Wk	04/02/01	04/10/00
558	58.42	0.51	57.91	55.21

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvld to first

receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-61.00	60.43	39
Central	56.00-61.00	58.25	69
West	52.00-62.00	61.72	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.30	79
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,067	48.00-64.00	60.83

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	4,758
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,553
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	780
LEG QUARTERS	26.00	9,493
WINGS	98.00	3,259

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonal with interest strongest for holiday items. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules for this week are mixed with some plants running reduced schedules to cut back on product or down for Good Friday. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate and slow to clear, but better balanced for tenders. Dark meat items and wings were close balanced to well cleared and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks as closely balanced as possible during the holiday period. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available at times. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow as the seasonal items become the focal point of consumer interest. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items were readily available, and boneless-skinless breasts were occasionally discounted to stimulate sales. Legs and leg quarters were clearing well. Wings were generally balanced to adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged. Trading on regular commitments for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices and new negotiations mixed. Offerings fully adequate for current buying interest with small sizes in the closest position. Demand by stores moderate at best and fast food fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported parts trading - leg quarters 4/10s 29.5 and bulk 26.5-35, breasts bone-in 72-81 and boneless 130-134, leg meat 78-83.5, thigh meat 85-99. Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .60 to 57.40 with the volume reported at 30 loads down 12 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged from last Monday's majorities and TFEWR into Ohio. Whole fryer market tone was about steady. Offerings of additional product were fully adequate for the limited trade needs. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, mostly light to moderate with fill-in trading over the weekend noted as decent. Floor stocks were balanced with sizes desirable to instances heavy. Parts trading remained light overall for the generally adequate supplies. Trade sentiment was fully steady on leg quarters, steady on wings and about steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally dull as buyers limited receipts to bare necessities and booked other items of more interest for the upcoming holiday. Offerings were fully adequate, particularly on the over 3 pound sizes which were generally slow in clearing. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were just moderate in total as some plants curtail operations in line with anticipated seasonally lighter needs. Others plan to reduce schedules Friday or Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	52-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.07
NO. OF BOXES	9,332

*5 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was limited entering the week as dealers approached the market with caution and assumed a seasonally light and selective posture. Offerings of bone-in breasts were more than sufficient, and boneless-skinless breasts were available with discounting noted at times where product was difficult to place. Legs and leg quarters were adequate to balanced. Wings were usually sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was slow as traditional holiday items dominate the market. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak on boneless-skinless breasts, no better than steady to barely steady on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	131.53	601,960
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.04	141,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	69.32	322,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	64.80	180,000
LEGS	34-35	37.77	252,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.22	431,626
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	37.04	138,190
THIGHS	33-34	35.38	134,390
B/S THIGHS	87-88	91.02	49,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.12	327,220
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.20	68,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.90	65,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.72	86,600

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	896	115.00-140.00	120-130	125.49
TENDERLOINS	202	145.00-222.00	-	181.08
BREAST - WITH RIBS	165	65.00-83.00	65	69.76
FRONT HALVES	885	70.00-78.00	76-77	76.28
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	121	22.00-23.00	22	22.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,373	24.00-26.00	25-26	25.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	79	82.00-94.00	94	92.58
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	
THIGHS	1,549	31.00-35.00	31	31.01

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/09	04/05	04/05	04/02	03/29
ALA	3,753	3,850	5.04	3,732	4.94
ARK	5,282	5,065	4.75	5,119	4.86
DELMARVA	2,032	2,327	5.01	2,241	4.98
KY-LA-TN	2,084	2,012	4.47	1,840	4.44
MISS	2,611	2,654	4.97	2,712	5.03
NC	2,490	2,449	5.76	2,143	5.81
TEXAS	2,330	2,331	4.76	2,307	4.90
TOTAL	20,582	20,688	4.95	20,094	4.99
MON	20,582(A)			20,094(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Apr 2001 is estimated to be 30,793,000 up 2.12 percent from a week ago and down 2.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,153,000, last year 31,447,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	905	120.00-205.00	135-145	141.72
TENDERLOINS	166	145.00-240.00	145-150	156.45
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	73.00-77.00	-	74.36
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	126	35.00-43.00	36-37	36.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	351	24.00-26.00	24-25	24.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,877	25.00-27.00	26-27	26.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	95.00-99.00	96-97	98.06
WINGS (CUT)	609	108.00-119.00	109-111	111.91
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	52	34.00-43.00	-	36.07
B/S THIGHS	52	92.00-93.50	-	93.21

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 09, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 51.00	49.10	49.47

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 09-APR-2001 TO 06-APR-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 140.00	125.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 79.00	66.00 - 70.00
LEGS	33.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21.00 - 29.00	24.00 - 25.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	31.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	89.00 - 99.00	93.00 - 95.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-94
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-117
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-117
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-170

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

06-APR-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-19.00	15.50-19.00	740,000	120,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.29	17.83		

15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-18.00	11.00-16.50	1,230,000	290,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.01	13.07		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

06-APR-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	12.00-14.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.33		

15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-18.50	11.00-13.00	2,040,000	1,468,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.04	11.52		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was generally moderate for adequate supplies of heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 09-APR-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.25	7.5-9	8.46

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as generally normal. Canner interest was still clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

WEEK OF 09-APR-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9.75	8-9	8.52

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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